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# WPS NEWSLETTER

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## WSA MESSAGE ABOUT THE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

It's just over a week to go until our Xmas Bazaar and the WSA have been working hard on the raffle again this year. We have some fantastic prizes to be won.



We will be selling raffle tickets in the playground from Monday, both at drop off and pick up, so **please bring cash**. There will also be a chance to buy tickets before and after the Infant Christmas show where volunteers will be walking around with card machines. In addition we are still in need of unopened bottles (no bleach) , jars of sweets and any gifts for the gift school please bring in THIS FRIDAY!

As always, all money raised will be re-invested into the school

See you on the **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> 3.15-5.30pm** and thank you all for the effort so far.

### Raffle Prizes

- Yoga Session ( private or 3 group)
- Red Stairs Soft play 6 passes valid until end of Jan24
- Laugh and Cry Comedy Session
- £50 voucher for Fortune Club Chinese – Whetstone
- A pair of Everyman tickets ( valid in any Everyman)
- Holiday Session at KidsArt ( worth £40)
- 4 x tickets for 'There's a Monster in my Xmas' – Arts Depot
- £150 Amazon Voucher
- 8x Vue Cinema tickets valid until March 2024
- 3 x Venus Fly Traps ( John Lewis snapper )

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## TERM DATES FOR 2024-25

On page 10 of this Newsletter are the term dates for 2024-25.  
Please do not book holidays or trips during term time.



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### MORE GREAT FOOTBALL RESULTS

Another great (and muddy) week for the mixed team who came away 4-1 winners on Tuesday against All Saints in the Central Cup. It was another fine performance against a strong team. Scorers: James T Y6 (2), Jacob Y5 and Elmir Y6.

On Friday they played against Sacred Heart in the League and again played really confidently, winning 5-0 at half time and coming out 6-1 winners. Scorers: Jacob Y5, James T Y6 (2), Elmir Y6(2) and James B Y6. Woodridge are top of the league. Yeah!



Thanks to Mr Mapes and for the great support from parents.



### PARENT VISITORS - HANUKKAH

Many thanks to Carmel's mum and Levi's mum who visited Reception Class to talk about Hanukkah. They told the story, showed the children some artefacts, told them how to play with a dreidel, lit a menorah and sang some songs in Hebrew. The children went on to make some hand print menorah pictures.



## YEAR 5 VISIT THE HINDU TEMPLE IN WATFORD

*Miss McCleneghen writes:*

Yesterday Year 5 visited the Hindu Temple in Watford. The class learnt about the main beliefs of Hinduism and some dressed up as Hindu Gods. Then they learnt how to wear clothes traditionally worn by Hindus. After this, they went into the Temple itself and accompanied the Hare Krishna chants with music and learnt about the shrines. Finally, they got an excellent tour around the grounds and farm where they got the chance to feed the cows with their favourite food - carrots. The children showed great respect for the temple, it's grounds and those within it. I am a very proud teacher!



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## FOOTBALL MASCOT

It's always good to hear about the children's activities and achievements outside of school.

Here's a photo including one of the Woodridge children in his out of school football team (AC Finchley) leading the Barnet Football team out on the pitch at The Hive last week



### MEALTIME SUPERVISOR VACANCY - STARTING JANUARY 2024

The school is looking for a mealtime supervisor to join our lunchtime team. If you would enjoy taking on a variety of roles and are confident working with children, supervising them in the dining room and helping them to play together in the playground, we would like to hear from you.

## Mealtime Supervisor

Part-time – 6.25 hours a week. 12 noon to 1.15pm  
Monday to Friday on a permanent Contract.

For more details follow this link to our website:

<https://www.woodridgeprimaryschool.com/vacancies/>



### INFANT PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT 8.45-8.55AM

Please don't forget that we do not allow children to play on the climbing frame in the infant playground first thing in the morning due to lack of monitored supervision.

This is particularly the case in icy weather.



### WOODRIDGE COMMUNITY SERVICES

After a suggestion by the WSA, we would like to compile a list of local services that might be useful for parents, such as garages, plumbers, electricians, garden services and the like.



These will then be posted on our WPS Community Services tab on the school's website which would be linked to an article in the School Newsletter every week.

Businesses would be asked to donate a fee for this service, which would run on an annual basis until the end of July each year. The contact for this is our School Business Manager email - [sbm@woodridge.sch.uk](mailto:sbm@woodridge.sch.uk) Here's the link to the page on the website:

<https://www.woodridgeprimaryschool.com/wps-community-services/>



### HIRING WOODRIDGE SCHOOL

Did you know that you can hire Woodridge Primary School as a meeting, event or party venue? We are also interested in finding an appropriate long term hire for our Suite, which is a classroom and an office room with a kitchen and two toilets.



For details and photos go to <https://www.sharesy.com/v/woodridge-primary>

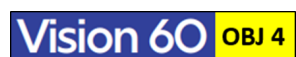


## FREE MONEY FOR WOODRIDGE!!

The DfE don't give us enough money to be able to run the school the way we need to. So...free money is available for Woodridge when you do any shopping via **EasyFundraising**. There are thousands of brands to shop with, including Amazon, John Lewis, eBay & Argos. Start your shopping by opening the app and a percentage of your spend will automatically raise money for the school.



We're trying to raise £500 this Christmas, which will go towards the new outdoor school gym. **Anyone who uses the app for a purchase before the Xmas Bazaar will be entered into a draw to win a £50 shopping voucher!**



You can do it via iPhone, Android or Web, just follow the links below. Once you sign up you can also see the running total of money raised! Here are the sign up links:

**Apple** [https://apps.apple.com/us/app/easyfundraising/id915474725\\*](https://apps.apple.com/us/app/easyfundraising/id915474725*)

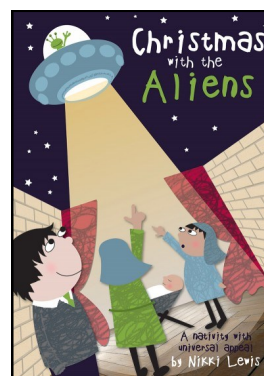
**Android** <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.ef.easyfundraising&...>

**Web** <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/woodridgesa>

## THE INFANT PRODUCTION

The infant production of 'Christmas with the Aliens' is on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am.

**No tickets are necessary**, but buckets at the end of the show, for cash donations will help to cover the costs of buying music, sound tracks, script and other resources.



## DOCTOR BIKE

Barnet Council's Parking team has arranged free Dr Bike sessions run by qualified bicycle mechanics in December. Members of the public can take along their bikes to have a free, full safety check, including the condition of tyres, rims, gears, brake function and tyre pressure and adjustments can be made if required. Children and adults. The sessions will take place on the following dates between 9am and 3pm.

<i>Stapylton Car Park, Barnet, EN5</i>	<i>09/12/2023</i>
<i>Marsh Drive Car Park, West Hendon, NW7</i>	<i>10/12/2023</i>
<i>Watling Avenue Car Park, Burnt Oak, HA8</i>	<i>16/12/2023</i>
<i>Lodge Lane Car Park, North Finchley, N12</i>	<i>17/12/2023</i>
<i>Marsh Drive Car Park, West Hendon, NW7</i>	<i>23/12/2023</i>
<i>Stapylton Car Park, Barnet, EN5</i>	<i>30/12/2023</i>



## FENCING ASSEMBLY

This morning in assembly we met Curtis, Raluca and Deco who talked about and demonstrated the sport of fencing.



Curtis told us that he had accidentally discovered fencing when he was ten, having accompanied a friend to a lesson. He started training at a club in Islington, made progress and has represented Great Britain at many internationals across the world. He is now head coach of a club in Camden and also manages *Diamond Blades* who run clubs at school.

Curtis explained the rules of fencing, how each player keeps safe and how the scoring system works using an electrical device with lights. Raluca and Deco then took part in a match using sabres. Each point was over so quickly, it was difficult to keep up with the scoring. Deco was the winner.

We are hoping to run a Diamond Blades fencing club at school next term. Look out for the emails about that. Ask your child to tell you about today's assembly.



## CHRISTMAS POST-BOX

If your child wants to send a Christmas card to another child or a member of staff, the Christmas Post-box is now in place in the Entrance Hall. We have several children with the same names so please make sure your child puts the name and class and where possible a surname initial for popular names. Year 6 children organise and deliver all the post.



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## SPORTING STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to the following children for receiving certificates from Mr Mapes this week for being sporting stars:



Multisports - Kaori Y2, Noa Y1, Zac Y2 and Sadie Y2  
Gym - Aarav Y6 and Kelsey Y4

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## BBC 550 WORDS COMPETITION ENTRY

Here's another Woodridge entry for the BBC 500 Words Competition - *The Raging Storm* by Zoe Year 6.



*Earlier that day, the mild sun shone in the crystal-like azure sky. The tranquil waves flowed onto the sea wall then wooshed down like a piece of silk. I woke up. Silver streaks of dim light danced on my bed. I could hear my dad running down the stairs. Dad was already downstairs in his mustard yellow fishing suit with patches of dirt mottled on it. He yanked open the door then ran out.*

*Suddenly, a cluster of charcoal grey clouds surrounded the sun. I quickly got dressed and rushed out to warn my dad but he was already out at sea. Rain and wind slashed at the windows of the house. Out of the window, I could see waves exploding like bombs up against the wall and booming breakers battering the bay. A thick carpet of slate grey clouds suffocated me. The grumbling sound from the sea reverberated through the cracked window and made the house shudder.*

*Waves crashed against the sides of the boats and smothered the dock with ice-cold water. The weather had completely changed. A curtain of icy rain swished down. I wanted for the return of my father but there was no sign yet. Worry and misery drowned me and soaked the world around me.*

*As I opened the window to feel the arctic-cold air, slabs of thick ice fell from the sky and stabbed the broken glass like a sword. Seagulls squawked in every direction. The waves rose higher and higher; thundered nearer and nearer; broke into the roar of boiling foam and raced to the shore like galloping foam horses. Thunder boomed through the house, streaking through the streets like an exploding firework.*

*A lank figure climbed the side of the sea wall and filled my mind with mystery. No one ever comes to this part of the sea. The figure came closer until I could see its bewildered face. The man had long hair that was drenched by the rain. A fishing boat was propped up against the old, splintered mahogany wood railing.*

*...  
BANG! CRASH! Jagged spears of lightning struck the air. I was petrified. Who was this man? Why was he here? What did he want? These questions jumped from place to place in my head.*

*“Quick close all the windows!” my mum yelled from upstairs.*

*I shut the damaged window and went upstairs to look out of my bedroom window instead.*

*A familiar face appeared at the front door. The man's fishing suit was just like my fathers and his smile was spread across his face. A loud knock on the door filled me with relief and straight away I knew my father was back. Buoyancy bubbled inside me as i saw my father's face. He was home at last.*



## THE WIDERNESS CAFE

On Fridays, from 3.00pm The Widerness Café will open, led and run by pupils in Year 6 as part of KS2 Wider Woodridge.

**THE  
WIDERNESS CAFÉ**

@ Woodridge

Tea, coffee, hot chocolate and cakes will be on sale.  
CAKE DONATIONS WELCOME! Bring your own cup if you can.



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## LAST DAY OF TERM EARLY FINISH

Just a reminder that on the last day of term, Thursday 21st December, school will finish at **the earlier time of 2.30pm** and there will be **no After School Club**.

**CLOSING  
EARLY**

## WPS KEY DATES/EVENTS FOR 2023-24

**Woodridge**  
Primary School

<b>AUTUMN TERM DATES/EVENTS</b>	Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov – Y4 Class Assembly
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct – INSET Day 2	Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov – Parents' Evening
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov – Y6 Class Assembly	Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov – Parents' Evening
<b>Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Nov - Y1 to Nature Reserve</b>	Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov – Y3 Class Assembly
<b>Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Nov - Individual School Photos</b>	<b>Weds 29<sup>th</sup> Nov - Y4 to Science Museum</b>
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov – Anti-Bullying Week	Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Inf Production Dress 2.00pm
<b>Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Nov - Y2 at Infant Music Festival</b>	Weds 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Inf Production Perf 2.00pm
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov – Y5 Class Assembly	Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Inf Production Perf 9.30am
<b>Weds 15<sup>th</sup> Nov - SEND Coffee Morning 9.00am</b>	<b>Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Dec - Bollywood Assembly</b>
<b>Weds 15<sup>th</sup> Nov - Y2/Y5 Music Assembly 9.10am</b>	Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec – Last day of term 2.30pm
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov – Panto 'Cinderella' pm	
<b>SPRING TERM</b>	
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan – INSET Day 3	Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> March – WPS World Book Day
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan – Y1 Class Assembly	WC 11 <sup>th</sup> March – SCIENCE WEEK
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan – Y2 Class Assembly	Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> March – Y6 Class Assembly
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Y3 Class Assembly	Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> March – Y5 Class Assembly
WC 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb – HALF TERM	Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> March – Y1 to Y6 reports to parents
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Y4 Class Assembly	Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> March – Workshare Evening
WC 4 <sup>th</sup> March - ARTSWEEK	Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> March – Last day of term 2.30pm
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> March – 'A Little Princess' Show pm	
<b>SUMMER TERM</b>	
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> April – INSET Day 4	Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> June – Y1 Class Assembly
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> April – Reception Class Assembly	Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> June – Y2 Class Assembly
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> May – BANK HOLIDAY	Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> July – Y1-Y6 Short Reports sent home
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> May – Y6 SATs week	Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> July – Infant Sports Morning
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> May – Red Nose Day	Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> July - Y1-Y6 Learning Reviews 4-6.30pm
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> May – Walk to School Week	Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> July - Y1-Y6 Learning Reviews 4.30-8.00
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> May – Y1 Phonics Parents' Mtg 9.00am	Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> July – Junior Sports Day pm
Weds 22 <sup>nd</sup> May – Y6 School Journey Mtg 3.20pm	Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> July – Junior Production Dress 2.00pm
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> May – Y5 <del>Southover</del> Sleepover	Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> July - Reserve Infant Sports Morning
<b>WC 27<sup>th</sup> May – HALF TERM</b>	Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> July – Junior Production Perf 7.00pm
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> June – INSET day 5	Weds 17 <sup>th</sup> July – Junior Production Perf 7.00pm
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> June – Y1 Phonics Check Week	Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> July – Reserve Junior Sports Day pm
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> June – Y4 Tables Check Week	Weds 24 <sup>th</sup> July – Last day of term 2.30pm
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> June – Y6 to <del>Condover</del> Hall	

# Woodridge Primary School



## TERM DATES 2023-2024

### Autumn Term 2023

Monday 4 September      INSET Day: School closed for pupils  
Tuesday 5 September      First day back for pupils

Half Term: Monday 23 October – Friday 27 October

Monday 30 October      INSET Day: School closed for pupils  
Tuesday 31 October      First day back for pupils  
Thursday 21 December      Last day of term: 2.30pm finish

### Spring Term 2024

Monday 8 January      INSET Day: School closed for pupils  
Tuesday 9 January      First day back for pupils

Half Term: Monday 12 February – Friday 16 February

Monday 19 February      First day back for pupils  
Thursday 28 March      Last day of term: 2.30pm finish

### Summer Term 2024

Monday 15 April      INSET Day: School closed for pupils  
Tuesday 16 April      First day back for pupils  
Monday 6 May      Bank Holiday: School closed for pupils

Half Term: Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May

Monday 3 June      INSET Day: School closed for pupils  
Tuesday 4 June      First day back for pupils  
Wednesday 24 July      Last day of term 2.30pm finish

### Five INSET Days – School closed to children

Monday 4 September 2023  
Monday 30 October 2023  
Monday 8 January 2024  
Monday 15 April 2024  
Monday 3 June 2024

(Plus Monday 6 May 2024 - Bank Holiday)



# Woodridge Primary School



## TERM DATES 2024-2025

### Autumn Term 2024

Monday 2 September      INSET Day: School closed for pupils  
Tuesday 3 September      First day back for pupils

Half Term: Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November

Monday 4 November      INSET Day: School closed for pupils  
Tuesday 5 November      First day back for pupils  
Friday 20 December      Last day of term: 2.30pm finish

### Spring Term 2025

Monday 6 January      INSET Day: School closed for pupils  
Tuesday 7 January      First day back for pupils

Half Term: Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February

Monday 24 February      INSET Day: School Closed for pupils  
Tuesday 25th February      First day back for pupils  
Friday 4 April      Last day of term: 2.30pm finish

### Summer Term 2025

Tuesday 22 April      INSET Day: School closed for pupils  
Wednesday 23 April      First day back for pupils  
Monday 5 May      Bank Holiday: School closed for pupils

Half Term: Monday 26 May – Friday 30 May

Monday 2 June      First day back for pupils  
Tuesday 22 July      Last day of term 2.30pm finish

### Five INSET Days – School closed to children

Monday 2 September 2024  
Monday 4 November 2024  
Monday 6 January 2025  
Monday 24 February 2025  
Monday 22 April 2025

(Plus Monday 5 May 2024 - Bank Holiday)





# Woodridge Primary School Value Cycle



## Year A (2022-23)

September	<b>Respect</b>
October	Unity
November	Friendship
December	Peace
January	<b>Honesty</b>
February	Resilience
March	Hope
April	Love
May	Empathy
June	Courage
July	Trust

## Year B (2023-2024)

September	<b>Kindness</b>
October	Freedom
November	Understanding
December	Co-operation
January	<b>Responsibility</b>
February	Tolerance
March	Thoughtfulness
April	Perseverance
May	Compassion
June	Courtesy
July	Humility